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IN MANEUVERS

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1. PLEASE ENSURE SACEUR IS INFORMED THAT PORTUGUESE
PRESIDENT EANES FAVORS PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN A
NATO MANEUVER IN THE FRG NEXT YEAR, AND THAT WE SUPPORT
THIS POSSIBILITY, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE ONLY ON A
LIMITED BASIS. THIS WOULD BE A WELCOME MOVE FOR THE
REASONS EXPRESSED BY EANES TO LEBER, AS WELL AS FOR

THE FAVORABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD HAVE WITHIN THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES. WE ALSO WELCOME FRG WILLINGNESS TO FUND CERTAIN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED.

2. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST TO SACEUR THAT ANY SHAPE INITIATIVES TOWARDS PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION BE COORDINATED BY USNMR SHAPE WITH EMBASSY LISBON AND USNATO. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN WHETHER PORTUGUESE

HAVE ALSO APPROACHED SHAPE CONCERNING PARTICIPATION.

3. EMBASSY BONN IS REQUESTED TO INFORM FRG OF OUR APPRECIATION OF THEIR SUPPORT OF PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION.

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